(a) the recruitment norms being followed in selection of teachers for Navodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas, including holding of written test, indicating details of such tests held during the last three years; and

(b) how the standardisation of results of various universities is practiced for rationality as well as to screen out the product of fake universitites?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti have introduced in 1999 and 2000 respectively, a written test followed by interview for making recruitment to ensure greater degree of objectivity, transparency, uniformity in standards and selections of teachers as well as to bring rationalization of selection on the basis of proven merit as assessed on uniform criteria.

(b) Since a written test of eligible candidates is being conducted, the requirement of standardisation of results of various Universities is not there. Fake Universities are screened on the basis of the list of names of such Universities provided by the University Grants Commission.

Nutrition Fund

*84. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for creation of a Nutrition Fund;

(b) if so, what is the allocation for the Fund and how much has been spent so far in different States;

(c) who is the target end user of this Fund; and

(d) in what form this is going to reach the target user?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, Government of India introduced a new programme from 2000-01, called Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). Under its nutrition component, additional central assistance is provided to States/Union Territories to provide complete nutritional requirements to BPL (below poverty line) children in 0—3 year age group. In 2000-01, Rs. 353.87 crore was released to States/Union Territories. In

2001-02, a minimum additional central assistance of Rs. 422.49 crore has been earmarked for nutrition.

Besides, action is on to set up a National Nutrition Mission.

B.G. Line upto Rozi Pier and Bedi Bunder (Bedi Port) in Gujarat

*85. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Maritime had paid necessary charges for final survey of broad gauge line upto Rozi Pier and Bedi Bunder (Bedi Port);

(b) if so, the details of the survey; and

(c) by when the work is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Gujarat Maritime Board had deposited Rs. 2,94,645/- for carrying out survey for providing siding from Windmill to Bedi Port and Rozi Pier. However, as Western Railway was not in a position to carry out the survey due to urgent surveys on hand, Gujarat Maritime Board were advised to get the survey done from M/s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd. or any of the consultants approved by Western Railway. The money deposited have also been returned to the party.

Production of cheaper urea

*86. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported urea is cheaper than that produced in our country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to make the production of urea cheaper in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The production cost of urea in the country varies from unit to unit depending upon the technology, feedstock used, vintage of the plant, distance from source of raw materials etc. The production cost of urea in the country is higher than the international price, which is primarily on account of higher cost of feedstock/raw materials in India. Urea plants in the exporting countries are generally based on natural gas. As per available